GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3022
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NON ILLUMINATION OF QUTAB COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Qutub Minar in the dark` appearing in the Statesman dated September 11, 2002;

(b)if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c)the steps taken to restore supply of electricity to the monument; and

(d)the annual expenditure incurred in maintenance of the monument during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(c)Yes, Sir. Illumination of the Qutb Minar was undertaken by the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation. The Archaeological Survey of India has approached the concerned authorities tomake the flood lighting operational, and to identity a sponsor for funding the illumination.

(d)The expenditure incurred on the maintenance of Qutub Minar during the last 3 years is as under:

1999-2000	Rs.22.71 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs.07.98 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs.19.87 lakhs